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### Newsletter #18:

#### What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

It has been a very productive week in the world of numismatics and it appears that it will get even busier. This is the season of course. I'm sending out this newsletter slightly earlier than usual because my son Leo will be having his bar mitzvah this weekend so I'll be very busy!

A short recap of what happened last week.

#### Lanz and Morton & Eden Auctions

The Lanz auction was more quiet than I was used to. Many of the lots went unsold in the ancient section. I didn't see how the remaining lots went because it started at 3 am for me and by the time I was done it was close to 7am. I was able to get a few very nice lots at reasonable prices for my clients.

Morton & Eden lasted only about 1 hour but it was pretty exciting (at least for me). I had customer bids on a handful of coins and the one that I was certain I would get I didn't and another that I thought I would never win I did. Shows how unpredictable the market can be. Even though no one really would confirm the group was from the late Sheik from Qatar, it very obviously was. I was able to get a few nice pieces for clients and what made me the most happy was the knowledge that the coins would continue at some point to circulate within the market. It is always nice for dealers when there are big buyers like the Sheik, however, the possibility of seeing those pieces at some point years down the road lessens as well.

#### Upcoming Auctions:

##### NAC Auction – May 29-30, 2017 (Zürich, Switzerland)

If you want me to represent you on any coins in NAC now would be the time to get in touch. The auction is on Monday and Tuesday of this coming week. If you want to send me bids you may via email but please don't try to call me on Friday and Saturday night as I will be busy with family obligations.

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auction are European coins and medals and there also is a rather large Ottoman gold collection that is on offer. Please let me know soon if you need representation for this auction.

### **Pre-Long Beach Auction, Goldberg - June 6-7, 2017 (Los Angeles, CA)**

I mentioned the auction from the Goldbergs last week as well. I'll start taking bids for this auction for those interested.

### **51 Gallery - June 9, 2017 (Brussels, Belgium)**

51 Gallery has a rather important group of ancient coins (two of which are ex Metropolitan Museum of Art) that is fairly hidden in their June 9th auction. The ancient coins are oddly after 50 lots of Pro-Palestinian posters. This odd mishmash of coins with posters, precious stones and then paintings/antiques may prove to be a difficult sell. Despite some of the illustrious pedigrees, many of the coins have surface issues and the estimates are also high. I'm attracted to the small group because of the pedigrees but I recognize that this auction may prove unsuccessful due to some of the more obvious reasons stated above.

### ***Upcoming Trade Shows***

I'm happy to report that I am exhibiting at the Summer ANA in Denver, Colorado on August 1-6, 2017. My booth number is #930 and I will have a small but, nice group of ancient coins with me. Please come and see me at the show so we can meet face to face. I'll likely mention the show many more times and urge you to come to hopefully you won't bore of me mentioning it!

### **Coin of the Week** <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

The coin this week is a coin of the moneyer of Imperial Rome, L. Hostilius Saserna. This coin is very desirable among collectors as the obverse displays the Gallic warrior Vercingetorix (or it is at least believed to be). Aside from a generation of us who grew up on Asterix and Obelix, Vercingetorix was a Gaulish king and chieftain who successfully stood up to Julius Caesar during the Gallic Wars. Unfortunately shortly after the initial success, Vercingetorix was defeated by the Romans and in order to save as many of his fellow soldiers as possible he surrendered to Caesar. For five long years Vercingetorix was made a slave and held captive by the Romans. He eventually was strangled to death in 46 BC at the command of Julius Caesar.

Vercingetorix is still considered a local hero in his native Auvergne, France.

*ROMAN REPUBLIC. Moneyer issues of Imperial Rome. L. Hostilius Saserna. Rome, 48 BC. AR Denarius, 3.79g (17mm, 6h). Head of Gallic captive (Vercingetorix?) right, wearing hair flowing back and long, pointed beard, and a chain around his neck; Gallic shield to left / Two warriors in galloping biga right: one driving, holding whip in right hand and reins in left, and the other, facing backward, holding shield in left hand and brandishing spear in right*

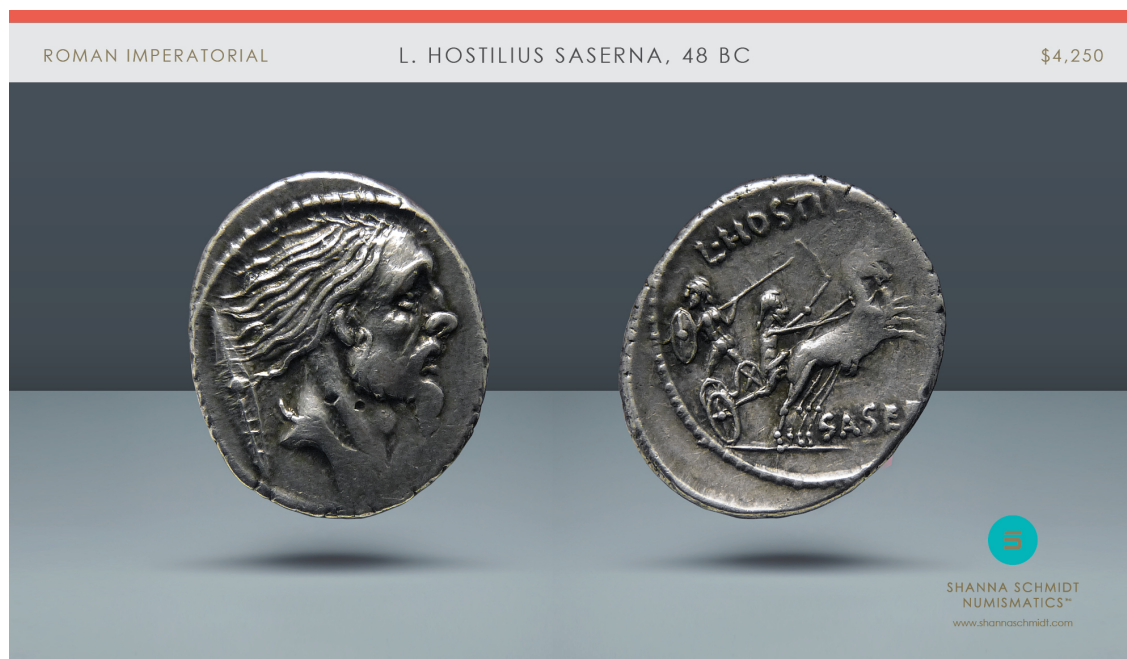
**Price: \$4,250**

**References: Crawford 448/2a; CRI 18; Sydenham 952; Hostilia 2**

*Grade: A few minor nicks on the neck and shifted strike at 5h on obverse and corresponding reverse. The strike is particularly good on the faces on the reverse side. aEF*

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Until next week!  
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